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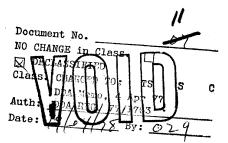
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at Was Yuam in Bangkok, there was a meeting of the Vietnamese National Welfare Association of Mcmen, to celebrate Moman's Day. This meeting was, in most respects, a repetition of the ordinary meetings of National Welfare Associations, but was marked by a corious and libile noticed incident. Miss by Thi Nguyet Anh, a going Cochinchinese girl about 23 years old, who is a Can Bo ("agent" or "cadre") of Women, was attracting the meeting and outlining the history of the struggle of women throughout the world for examcipation. In particular, she praised the part played by American women-

2. As she was praising the role of American women, she suddenly hesitated, began to speak in a balting manner, and then sat down. The cause of this sydner confusion was apparently a glance from Nom, Acting Chief of the Bangkok Tong Bo, who was sitting in the front rank of the audience. Kom himself then addressed the meeting approximately as follows: "We do not wish to contradict our young comrade, but we feel it is necessary to make a correction. It is true that in former days, /merican women played an important part in the struggle for emancipation and were truly revolutionary and progressive. But today the situation has changed. American woman mood is totally reactionary. America, instead of advancing, has gone backward."

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Note: This incident is of importance in illustrating: (1) The current Viet Minh dectrine vis-a-vis the United States, and (2) The tight grip maintained by Xom over the local Can Bo.)



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